



January Newsletter

SCHOOL NEWS

Since we came back in January, our thoughts have been with Ben (Year 3) and his family. Ben recently received a diagnosis of leukaemia and is undergoing treatment. His class have sent him some lovely messages and we are keeping in touch with his family.

To raise money for children in Ben's situation, we have registered our school to take part in the Children's Cancer Run on Sunday 20th May. Further details will be coming out shortly and we would be delighted if you could join us for either the mile or the 3/5-mile events.

Other news:

At the end of the Spring Term, Mrs Laidler will be retiring. Mrs Laidler has worked in our school for over twenty-nine years and will be very much missed, however, she has promised to come back and join our band of volunteers to hear readers. We will be celebrating her retirement with her later on this term.

On Friday 9th February, Eve Birdsall will complete her Early Years placement with us. We thank her for her hard work and wish her the very best for the future.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS - WEDNESDAY 7th FEBRUARY

Thank you to everyone who has already booked an appointment through ParentMail. Our appointments will be held in school, with Nursery, Reception and Year 1 appointments being held in the Year 1 classroom, and Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 appointments being held in the Year 4 classroom. If anyone is having difficulty making an appointment, please call into the office as we can book an appointment for you.

EARLY YEARS UNIT

Our Early Years Unit has got off to a great start. Thank you for your support with this new venture. Mrs Walton runs the unit on Mondays; Ms Gladston on Thursdays and Fridays; both teachers are in the unit on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with Mrs Walton taking the class on Tuesday afternoons, and Mrs Mathewson on Wednesday afternoons. Mrs Walton now also teaches Science to Year 1 children on Thursdays, and Mrs Mathewson teaches Art/Design to Year 2 children on Monday afternoons.

NEW STARTERS SINCE SEPTEMBER

We welcome Elliott, Yasmine, Mia, Ryan and Katie to our school and hope that you and your families all enjoy your time as part of our community.

CHINESE NEW YEAR THEMED LUNCH

Our next Themed Thursday lunch will be on Thursday 8th February to celebrate the Chinese New Year. For children who currently take a packed lunch and would like to join us, please let the office know - there will be a charge of £2 for children in Years 3 and 4.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Friday afternoons	YR,1,2,3,4	Yogabugs (every Friday in the Spring Term)
Wed 7 Feb	Parents	Parent Consultations 3.30pm to 7.30pm (2.30pm - 7.30pm for Year 4)
Thu 8 Feb	YR,1,2,3,4	Themed Thursday lunch - Chinese New Year
Fri 9 Feb	All	FRFS Cake Sale – after school
Fri 9 Feb	Whole School	School closes at 3.15pm for half term break
Mon 19 Feb	Whole School	School opens at 8.50am
Tue 20 Feb	YR	Reception children vision screening
Wed 28 Feb	Y4 + parents	Ford Castle meeting at 5pm
Thu 1 Mar	Whole School	World Book Day - children are invited to dress as their favourite book character.
Thu 1 Mar	YR,1,2,3,4	Themed Thursday lunch - World Book Day
Thu 1 Mar	Governors	Full Governing Body Spring Meeting
Wed 7 Mar	New Nursery	New Nursery parent + child visits to our Early Years Unit
Thu 15 Mar	All + parents	Rothbury First Quiz Night - school fundraising event
Tue 20 Mar	All + parents	Afternoon Spring Walk followed by school Open Afternoon
Wed 28 Mar	All + parents	Spring Celebration Assembly
Thu 29 Mar	YR,1,2,3,4	Themed Thursday lunch - Easter
Thu 29 Mar	Whole School	School closes at 3.15pm for Easter break
Mon 16 Apr	Whole School	School opens at 8.50am

Term dates for 2017-2018 **and 2018-2019** are available on the Northumberland County Council website:

<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Holidays.aspx#schooltermdates>

Please note that school will be closed for Teacher Training on the following dates:

Friday 29 June 2018

We will publish teacher training dates for the Morpeth Partnership for 2018-2019 when they are released.